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Preface

Historically, many aluminum aircraft components have been made from forgings. However, to reduce airframe manufacturing cost aircraft manufacturers are converting to parts machined from thick plate. The results of recent research indicates that forgings often offer significant advantages over components machined from plate. The purpose of this report is to present this information.

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